

NO WEDDING BELLS FOR MISS FERRIS

Bridegroom Played Her False and Skipped the Town.

DESERTER WORE DIAMONDS

Left Behind Him a Broken Heart and a Two-Weeks' Board Bill.

NORFOLK, VA., February 3.—On the day before the time set for his marriage, Charles E. Flaherty, a young engineer, twenty-eight years old, formerly employed at the Norfolk Navy-Yard, disappeared from his home here.

Broken-hearted and uncomfortable in Miss Mammie Ferris, the pretty blue-eyed confiding girl, whom he promised to marry, and who loved him with all that was in her woman's heart.

The time set for the marriage of Mr. Flaherty and Miss Ferris was Saturday, February 24. The ceremony was to be performed in the St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Rev. Father Doherty was to tie the nuptial knot. The church had been decorated for the occasion, and many handsome presents had been received by the bride, and all was as merry as a wedding bell, even if the bells were not ringing.

Friends of the radiant young woman were sharing her happiness.

On Friday morning Flaherty called on Miss Ferris, who lived at the home of her father, Mr. James Ferris, a former street railway superintendent, on Bermuda Street. He promised to return to the Ferris home to dine with the young woman. That was the last seen of Flaherty.

The dinner hour came and went, and the night wore on, but Flaherty's absence was accounted for in various ways, and Miss Ferris's faith in him remained unshaken. She was sure that he would return on the morrow, and for the wedding, but she was doomed to sore disappointment. The hour fixed for the wedding came and went. St. Mary's doors did not swing open to admit the wedding party, and there were no bells.

Friends searched for Flaherty, but no trace of him could be found.

At Mrs. Robert's boarding-house, No. 47 Freeman Street, it was ascertained that Flaherty disappeared from there Friday noon. He left owing the landlady for two weeks' board. He is said to have been fairly prosperous here; to have dressed well, to have worn on one of his fingers a large diamond ring.

Flaherty came here from Baltimore. His father is said to be superintendent of the Hill Park, in the Monumental City. He took all his effects from his boarding-house when he left.

STONY POINT NEWS.

Man Suspected of Robbing Store Goes to Grand Jury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) STONY POINT, VA., February 3.—Mr. E. E. Bass, who has been sick with the measles, is up, going about and much improved.

Mr. H. W. Wohlford has returned from Winston-Salem, N. C., where he has been visiting friends.

The young people of this place expected to have a gathering at the school-house Friday night, but owing to the rain it was postponed until another night. Sheriff J. D. Prince brought Ed. Smith alias Ed. Durfee from Petersburg, Va., to-day. He is suspected of the man who broke into Mr. G. T. Partridge's store at Yale, last Saturday night. The case was heard before Justice John E. Baugh, who sent it on to the grand jury of Sussex county.

Mr. James G. Jackson, of Norfolk, arrived in town yesterday, and his friends will be glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Austin and children are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

The new plant of Mr. J. S. Newell will soon be finished. It will add to the town very much.

Mrs. Lee F. Garter has returned from Petersburg on a visit to her parents.

Spotsylvania Gossip.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEWISTON, February 3.—Dr. B. L. Dillard, of Albemarle, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. P. Holladay, of Lewiston.

James Ellis, a colored man living near Lewiston, was thrown from his wagon and had his shoulder dislocated. He was attended by Dr. T. W. Dew.

The infant child of Mr. J. E. McLeod, of Lewiston, is quite sick.

Mr. Thomas Payne is critically ill at his home, near Lewiston.

Miss Louisa Lipscomb has been committed for lunacy, and carried to the State Hospital in Staunton.

Miss Both Segar, who has been at the Memorial Hospital for treatment, is at home again.

Mr. W. W. Arrowood, of the Theological Seminary, filled his appointments Saturday and Sunday nights at the Bel-Air School, and also preached a fine sermon on Sunday morning at Good Hope Church.

Country Wins Out.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHAMPA, VA., February 3.—The regular meeting of the literary society of Sunnyside High School was held Friday afternoon. Many visitors were present, and a very interesting debate took place.

The subject was "Resolved, That the country possesses more advantages than the city," and was hotly contested on both sides. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Those debating on the affirmative were Mr. Thomas Atkinson, leader; Misses Ethel McClure and Clyde Jones; and Mr. Hardy Zellmer; on the negative, Mr. Archer Jones, leader; Misses Maud Wynne and Addie Jones and Mr. Grant Hestrand.

If you are nervous, instead of drinking tea or coffee, which can only stimulate, drink cocoa, which is not only a drink, but a food, too—a builder-up of nerves and strength. But drink good cocoa, pure cocoa—drink Runkel's.

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(Specially in accordance with the National Pure Food laws.) is just the powdered bean blended into a delightful achievement of tastefulness, and never adulterated with starch or arrow root, or cheapened with sugar, which occupies the same bulk and costs 1-4 as much. No cocoa goes so far. Since 1870, the standard of purity and excellence.



A CRUSADE ON CLUB GAMBLING

Petersburg Sports to Live a Hard Life in the Future.

A NEW BANK BUILDING

Knights of Columbus to Hold Great Meeting Next Sunday.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 3.—A considerable campaign against gambling has been inaugurated in the city, and the grand jury has brought in a large number of indictments, but names have been withheld from publication.

A long report, including a large number of indictments against alleged vagrants, was presented to the Hustings Court, and the court has announced that there is sufficient evidence before the grand jury to indict a large number of people on the charge of gambling in poolrooms, which is to be taken as a warning to both proprietors and patrons. It is understood that Joseph Lynch, the president of a negro social club, who was indicted yesterday on the charge of allowing gambling in the clubrooms, will attempt to have members of the white clubs of the city summoned and questioned as to the existence of gambling.

New Bank Building. The National Bank of Petersburg today moved into its handsome new building at Sycamore and West Tabb Streets. The structure was erected at a cost of \$25,000. The lot cost \$7,500. H. H. Hudgens, of Roanoke, was the architect and G. B. Keeling, of this city, was the contractor. The entire upper floor is occupied by the offices of the legal department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Knights of Columbus. The two communicating lodges in the Odd Fellows' building have been secured for the ceremonies incident to the institution of a council of the Knights of Columbus in this city. Sunday, February 10th. Councils from several other cities are expected, and the occasion is to be made a big event.

AID TO TEACHERS AT WILLIAM AND MARY

A Bureau of Recommendations is Formed, with Dr. Ritchie as Chairman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSBURG, VA., February 3.—A "bureau of recommendations" has just been organized by the faculty of William and Mary College. The chairman is Dr. J. W. Ritchie, and the secretary, Professor A. L. Bridges.

The bureau will be of great benefit, not only to William and Mary graduates, but also to the public school system of the State, as William and Mary is the only institution in the State which trains young men for teachers.

The plan and scope of the organization is best told in the following circular, which has just been issued by the bureau:

"The purpose of the bureau is to assist the school authorities of Virginia in procuring teachers and to help William and Mary men to find those positions in our educational system which their ability and training fit them to hold. We especially desire to assist those of our former students who, by reason of local conditions, have not met with the advancement in their profession that their training and success have merited. They are much more valuable in the schools of the State now than they were at the time of their graduating, and we wish them to receive such recognition that they will remain in their profession. The Bureau of Recommendations is not a

teachers' agency. It is conducted by a committee of the faculty, and no fee is charged. It enrolls only students and ex-students of the College of William and Mary, who operate only in the State of Virginia.

"The plan of the bureau is to keep on file the complete record of every William and Mary man who desires an educational position. Both the scholastic and teaching record of whose recommendations will be carefully examined, and the attention of school officials desiring teachers will be directed to the men who have made these records.

"The recommendations of the bureau will be based on private estimates of professors under whom the applicant has worked in the College of William and Mary and on the estimate of those who are familiar with his teaching record."

As will be seen by the above, this organization will be of immense value to the State at large, as it will enable schools to procure teachers whose recommendations will place their ability beyond a doubt. As quoted above, the faculty will keep the record of each student in the normal department both while he is here and after he leaves here. The last day of the old Virginia recommendation to give each man.

This is the first organization of the kind ever started in Virginia, and it is extremely interesting in that it shows the increased interest which the educated men of the State are taking in uplifting its educational system.

"AUNT" SOPHIE DEAD.

Killed by Unknown Person with an Axe—Nephew Suspected. WINCHESTER, VA., February 3.—"Aunt" Sophie Laper, the old Virginia mammy negress, who was found unconscious and bleeding from injuries made on her head by an axe, in her humble home, at Stephen's City, this county, late in the afternoon of December 7 last, died to-day. An inquest held by Coroner Locke resulted in a verdict being rendered to the effect that she died from injuries inflicted by an unknown person; but her nephew, John Curry, who has been in jail here since the assault occurred, is suspected of the crime.

"Aunt" Sophie's son, who lives in New York, was preparing to have her removed to his home when she died. She was over ninety years old. John Curry, the man suspected of assaulting the aged woman, was in her house the afternoon she was assaulted and was intoxicated. He has neither confessed or denied committing the crime. She never regained consciousness sufficiently to give a connected account of the affair.

STATE LINE AGAIN.

Boundary Between Virginia and North Carolina Open Question. RALEIGH, N. C., February 3.—The General Assembly has passed a bill to authorize the re-surveying and marking of the State line between North Carolina and Virginia, authorizing the Governor of this State to have the work executed, and empowering the Governor to appoint a committee to investigate the matter arising between the two States. The bill further directs the Governor of North Carolina to issue a proclamation when the re-surveying and re-marking of the State line shall have been finished, declaring the line as the official line between the States.

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S. S. "SENECA" RUNS DOWN SHIP

The Bark Charles Loring Wrecked and Left a Dangerous Derelict.

ALL CREW WAS RESCUED

Seneca Not Injured—Bark Was Freightened with Lumber from Savannah to New York.

NORFOLK, VA., February 3.—The steamship Seneca, arriving here this afternoon from New York, brought in the crew of the bark Charles Loring, which the Seneca ran down in a heavy fog about four miles off Sea Girl, N. J., at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. No lives were lost, but the crew of the bark had a narrow escape. The Seneca, crossing the bow of the Loring, carried away her jib and bowsprit and mashed in about ten feet of her bow. The Seneca sustained no injury beyond a deep dent in her plates on her port bow. The Seneca stopped and lowered a lifeboat, which went to the rescue of the crew of the men of the Loring, who were shouting for help and giving signals of distress. Owing to the fog the two ships drifted apart after the collision, and two hours elapsed before the Seneca picked up her lifeboat with Captain H. Debuhr and the other rescued officers and men of the Loring.

Dangerous Derelict.

When the crew of the bark left her she had taken in about ten feet of water, and had become a dangerous derelict, pounding in a heavy sea in the path of navigation, both coastwise and foreign. The Seneca had a passenger list of fifty-five. When the collision occurred the passengers were at dinner, and a momentary panic ensued. The steward of the Seneca, D. C. Kennedy, who was with them, proved the hero of the occasion. Quickly assuming that the Seneca was in no danger, he assured passengers that the ship was in no danger, and order and quiet were at once restored. The Seneca displayed wonderful equilibrium in the smash. The captain of the boat also displayed great courage.

When the lifeboat of the Seneca was hoisted aboard by the rescued and rescuers the passengers grouped on deck gave three rousing cheers. The crew of the Loring took off only a part of their effects. A cat was the only live thing left on the Loring, the ship's dog quickly bounding in the lifeboat. The Loring carried as cargo 350,000 feet of ship timber, and was bound from Savannah to New York.

The Seneca is a Ward Line steamer, but at present is chartered by the Old Dominion Steamship Company to make the place of the Princess Anne, now undergoing repairs.

Dry in Lynchburg. LYNCHBURG, VA., February 3.—Since the first of the year only 1.20 of an inch of precipitation has fallen here. The past month was the driest January here since the establishment of the record of the Weather Bureau in 1872, only .38 of an inch falling.

INCUBATOR SETS FIRE TO HOUSE

Lamps Were Turned Too High. True Bill Against Carter for Felony.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) URBANNA, VA., February 3.—L. F. Harper & Co. have purchased the general stock of merchandise of the firm of F. A. Brister & Dix, of this town, and will commence business at the old stand next week.

A house belonging to Mr. W. H. Perkins, near Hotel Nelson, used by Arthur McCann, a Texan, for hatching out chickens with incubators, was completely destroyed by fire one day this week. The lamps were turned too high and the incubators took fire from the heat.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

What You Cannot Do. You cannot cure hams with a hammer. You cannot weigh a gram with a gram-mur.

Mond socks with a socket. Build docks with a docket, Nor gather up claims with a clamor.

You can't pick locks with a pickle. You can't cure the sick with a sickle. Pluck pigs from a pigment. Drive pigs with a pigment. Nor make your watch tick with a tickle.

You can't make a mate of your mate. You can't get a crate from a crater. Catch bugs with a molar. Bake rolls with a roller. But you can get a wait from a waiter.

You cannot raise crops with a crop-mur. You can't have your chops with a chopper. Break nags with a nagger. Shoot stags with a stagger. Nor shoot to a girl with a popper. —Boston Transcript.

Musical Tea. The first of a series of musical teas, to be continued throughout the month of February, was given Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock by Mrs. M. E. Thomas, of No. 312 North Harrison Street.

The program, which was beautifully rendered, consisted of songs by Mrs. Thomas, and instrumental selections by Mrs. Zella Minor. Miss Emaline Lee, of Danville, and Miss Mary Butler, served tea.

The invited guests were Mrs. Swanson, Miss Mary Johnston, Mrs. Wellford, Mrs. J. Carroll Montague, Mrs. Preston Carson, Miss Ramsey, Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, Mrs. Ivan Maitly, Mrs. A. D. Williams, Mrs. T. William Pemberton, Mrs. John P. Kennedy, Mrs. A. F. Hunt, Mrs. J. W. Young, Mrs. Victor Cline, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Fredell, Mrs. A. P. Wilmer, Mrs. L. H. Hamblin.

Enjoyable Dance. A very enjoyable dance was given Friday evening from 9 to 12:30 o'clock by a number of young gentlemen of Barton Heights, the assembly hall of the new school building for first grade. A Richmond orchestra furnished the music.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bache and Mrs. Celeste Taylor, the chaperones; and the following young gentlemen made up the committee in charge: Messrs. John E. Rose, Jr., C. M. Taylor and D. H. Hazlegrove.

Among the dancers were: Messrs. Harrison, Redd, Frischoff, Wilson, Moore, Harvey and Tiller, all of Richmond; Mr. Williams, of New York; Miss Willis, of Baltimore; Miss Gibson, of Charlottesville; Miss McCurdy, of Bristol; Misses Ragland, Long, Whitlock, Knapp, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Moore, Boone, Hays, Ray, Hazlegrove, Waddill, Harvey, Bacha, Taylor, Bigler, Frischoff, Rose, Roden, Smith, Evans, Yarbrough and others.

An elegant supper was served after the dance, and the entire evening was most enjoyable.

Pretty Card Party. The season's debutantes were charmingly entertained at cards Friday evening by Miss Bernard Cooke, of No. 26 West Franklin Street.

Misses Caroline Reynolds and Elsie Lindsey and Mr. Addison Reynolds won the prizes in the game.

Miss Cooke's guests were: Misses Jean Field, Mary Butler, Anna Cussens, Caroline Gordon, Reynolds, Julia Coggin, Joyce, Elsie, Littlejohn, Clara Smith, Ashby Smith, Juliet Keith, Roberta Trigg, Julie Osterling, Messrs. Pope Nash, Leslie Reid, Carlton McKenny, Cabell Fitzgerald, Frank Hill, John Lee, Gordon Smith, George Harrison, William R. Trigg, Addison Reynolds, Gordon Chamberlayne, Henry Ellett, Hamilton Rogers, George Fitzgerald and Stuart Christian.

Pleasant Dance. A number of the younger society set were entertained at a pretty dance given on Friday evening last, in the Hermitage Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Dickerson chaperoned, and the young people dancing were Misses Helen Tanner, Marie Herbert, Sadie Neale, Annie Laurie Haynes, Marie Harwood, Grace Neal, Katherine Gunn, Virginia Fleming, Eliza, both of New London, Charles Smith, Sylvia Augustine, Wardell Crenshaw, Messrs. William Breeden, Grandison Moseley, Hugh Rose, Walter Leflow, John Sutton, Frederick Carrington, Eugene Sutton, John Russell, Louis Harris, Wood Williams, Mitchell Brown, Estlin Randolph, Albert Cool, Hunter Camp, Edward Breeden, Stephen Putney, Jr., Edward McCarthy, William Grigg, L. W. Glazebrook, Jr., Clara Evans, Abbott Archer Trevillian Turner and Watson James, Jr.

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AMUSEMENTS.

"The Visiting Girl" will be at the Academy of Music Thursday night, played by the University of Virginia Dramatic Club, the well-known Arcadians, who have for the past few years put on the most notable amateur productions in the South.

The Arcadians have the same equipment as the best light opera company. They carry their own scenery, their costumes and lighting arrangements. The parts, women's as well as male, are all taken by men, students in the university. The orchestra will also be the regular university orchestra which travels with the Arcadians.

That the show is funny is sure. "The chorus ladies" are amusing indeed, and every time the boys appear to take off the regular beauty chorus, they give a great big laugh. They can sing, every one of them, and the new music gives them a good opportunity to show off cleverly, and among other things the little chorus girls have a pony ballet that is a winner.

In speaking of the initial performance in Staunton, and the only one so far, the leading Staunton paper said: "The important role of Thomas Jefferson was played by Mr. Robert Hudson, who displayed the real thing in the way of voice and stage presence. He has been well remembered for his work as the Indian in last year's performance of the 'Conspirators.' He is a talented young man, and his work last night was artistic."

The comedy was much enhanced by Mr. J. R. Hampton, who essayed the part of a college widow with a phonetic name of "Iva Past." She, or rather he, made good, and the boys even forgot that "she was he."

In addition to these men, there are several other stars in the lot. Bob Williams, with his "Never Again," brings down the house every time. Musicians will find real satisfaction in the violin obligato to this tenor solo.

tained at a beautifully-appointed luncheon in honor of Miss Poulney and Miss Kate Wickes, of Baltimore, who is also her guest. A pretty bridge whist party immediately followed the luncheon.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ruffin, of Chester, Va., announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Catherine Phyllis, to Mr. Herbert Leigh Brown, of Richmond.

The ceremony will be performed in the home of the bride's parents, in the early spring.

Jeter—Gunn. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Mattie Minerva Gunn, to Mr. Allen Jeter. The ceremony was performed in New York City on Wednesday, January 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeter will make their home at No. 351 East Sixty-second Street, New York.

School Recital. The pupils of Pegram's School gave a very enjoyable recital on Thursday last at the residence of their principal, Mrs. C. M. Eddington, No. 1602 West Main Street. An excellent program was rendered, and several excellent articles were read and discussed.

Concert a Success. The concert given at the Young Men's Christian Association on Thursday evening, January 24th, for the benefit of the Ragged Mountain District, the Nurses' Settlement, and other charities, under the auspices of the St. Hilda's Guild, was a pronounced success.

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